

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1948 - HB 2081

March 18, 2014

SUMMARY OF BILL: Extends the time within which one may challenge a voluntary acknowledgement of paternity (VAP). Permits one to challenge a VAP within three years of discovering any evidence of fraud, duress, or mistake of fact, rather than just five years from execution of the VAP.

Upon filing a challenge to the VAP, the challenger is entitled to a paternity test, rather than upon a showing of the likelihood that fraud, duress, or mistake of fact occurred.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation will not significantly impact the ability of the Department of Children's Services (DCS) to collect child support from parents whose children are in DCS custody.
- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts, any impact to the courts' caseload can be accommodated within existing resources.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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